(c) whether the State Administration has requested for increasing its quota of sugar to make it available for all in Madhya Pradesh; and

(d) if so, by when Government propose to increase the sugar quota for Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, the basic monthly quota of levy sugar of Madhya Pradesh is based on its 1986 population. However, an ad-hoc increase of 5 percent in the aforesaid quota is being allowed to all State Governments/ Union Territories from August, 1991, which will continue till September, 1992, after which the position would again be reviewed.

(c) No such request from the State Government has been received recently.

(d) Increase in levy sugar quotas of States/Union Territories would depend upon the sustained increase in the levels of sugar production.

Allotment of Sugar, Wheat and Palmolein to Kerala

1671. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Kerala has requested the Government of India to enhance allotment of Sugar, wheat and Palmolein for July to October; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) A request has been received from the Kerala Government for additional allotment of 5000 tonnes of levy sugar for Onam festival. A quantity of 3600 tonnes of levy sugar has already been allotted as festival quota to the State of Kerala for the month of September, 1992.

As regards wheat, a request was received from the Kerala Government for enhancement of their monthly allotment to 50,000 tonnes per month, but keeping is view the availability of wheat is the Central Pool, they have been allotted 25,000 tonnes each month from June, 1992 to August, 1992.

A request was also received from the Government of Kerala for allocation of additional quantity of palmolein. Since palmolein is available only at Bombay and Kandla, Kerala Government have been requested to intimate whether they were prepared to lift palmolein oil from Bombay and Kandla. Their reply is still awaited.

Subsidy Paid to F.C.I.

1672. SHRI SOM PAL: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Food Corporation of India has been subsidised heavily by Government;

(b) if so, what is the break up of subsidy paid to Food Corporation of India over the past six years;

(c) what is the likely amount of subsidy to be paid to Food Corporation of India during the current financial year; and

(d) whether Government propose to abolish this subsidy completely or reducing it substantially?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) The following amounts have been released/paid by the Government of India to the Food Corporation of